

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a mobile communicator which is arranged to save power by efficiently controlling a power amplifier by selecting an adequate speech coding rate. An inventive mobile communicator comprises a plurality of encoding means for encoding a speech signal with different encoding rates, respectively; encoding rate inputting means for accepting an input of encoding rate selected by a terminal user; and encoding rate deciding means for deciding an encoding rate applied for encoding the speech signal based on the encoding rate inputted via the encoding rate inputting means and for selectively switching the plurality of encoding means corresponding to this encoding rate.